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FLASH HAKTO 41

MAY 5, 1974

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

State Dept. review completed

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. PLEASE TELL DOBRYNIN THAT I ACCEPT GROMKO'S PROPOSAL OF A MEETING ON MAY 7 IN CYPRUS. HOWEVER, I WILL BE UNABLE TO LEAVE JERUSALEM UNTIL MID-MORNING AND THEREFORE PROPOSE A LATE MORNING OR NOON MEETING. UPON RECEIPT OF THE SOVIETS' CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, WE WILL INITIATE CONTACT WITH THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THE LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. HAVE DOBRYNIN SEEK URGENT CONFIRMATION.

2. THERE CAN BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING UNTIL WE GET SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. THEN WE WOULD PLAN, IN ORDER TO KEEP THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN LOW KEY, TO ANNOUNCE THE MEETING TO OUR TRAVELLING PRESS AT 6:00 PM ISRAEL TIME MONDAY WHILE WE ARE IN ISRAEL (NOON WASHINGTON TIME).

3. PROPOSE TO DOBRYNIN A SIMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES QUOTE/ SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO HAVE AGREED TO MEET IN CYPRUS ON MAY 7 FOR A ~~GENERAL~~ *General* REVIEW OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. UNQUOTE PLEASE HAVE DOBRYNIN CONFIRM THAT THE TIMING AND SUBSTANCE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT ARE ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS.

4. FLASH US TIME OF DELIVERY OF MESSAGE.

5. WARM REGARDS

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2. There can be no announcement of the meeting until we get Soviet acceptance of the proposal. Then we would plan, in order to keep the announcement in low key, to announce the meeting to our travelling press at 5 6:00 pm Israel time Monday while we are in Israel (noon Washington time).
3. Propose to Dobrynin a simple announcement along the following lines QUOTE Secretary of State Kissinger and Foreign Minister Gromyko have agreed to meet in Cyprus on May 7 for a general review of US-Soviet relations including the situation in the Middle East. UNQUOTE Please have Dobrynin confirm that the timing and substance of the announcement are also acceptable to the Soviets.

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QUOTE Secretary of State Kissinger and Foreign Minister Gromyko have agreed to meet in Cyprus on May 7 ~~to review the situation in the Middle East. They will also discuss certain important aspects of~~

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